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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY FROM CAGLAYANGIL

1. REGARDING CYPRUS THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY FROM TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL ON THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS DELIVERED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN BY TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL ON FEBRUARY 20.

2. TEXT OF MESSAGE THERE FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:
DEAR MR. SECRETARY, I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT IN SPITE OF ALL OUR EFFORTS IN BRUSSELS LAST DECEMBER AND THE ENSUING AGREEMENT, REPORT REACHING ME FROM VIENNA IS MOST DISCOURAGING. IT APPEARS THAT CONTRARY TO OUR AGREEMENT WITH MR. BITSIOS AND IN SPITE OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCLOSURES TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS BY MR. CLERIDES
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HIMSELF ON THE 3RD FEBRUARY 1976, THE GREEK CYPRIOT

REPRESENTATIVE AT THE TALKS IN VIENNA IS REFUSING TO
SUBMIT HIS PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY AND IS INSISTING ONCE
AGAIN THAT MR. DENKTASH SHOULD TELL HIM WHAT, WHERE AND
HOW MUCH TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS HE IS READY TO MAKE.

--AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO
MY GREEK COLLEAGUE IN BRUSSELS, MR. DENKTASH IS UNWILLING
TO NEGOTIATE THE QUESTION OF TERRITORY IN THE ABSENCE
OF TURKEY. IN OTHER WORDS, MR. DENKTASH REFUSES TO ACCEPT
RESPONSIBILITY ON THIS DELICATE ASPECT OF THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM, VIS A VIS HIS OWN PUBLIC OPINION. THAT IS WHY
WE HAD GONE INTO ALL THAT TROUBLE IN REACHING AN AGREE-
MENT IN BRUSSELS.

--IT IS OBVIOUS FOR ME THAT THE GREEK SIDE WOULD RATHER
DO THEIR UTMOST TO MAINTAIN THE US ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY
THAN NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY AT THIS STAGE TO FIND A
POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. NEVERTHELESS, I HAVE
REQUESTED MR. DENKTASH TO EXHIBIT ALL GOOD-WILL AND
UNDERSTANDING TO HIS GREEK CYPRIOT COUNTERPART BY DIS-
CLOSING THE CRITERIA OF THE TURKISH SIDE ABOUT THE TERRI-
TORIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM, NEGOTIATE THE PRINCIPLES
UPON WHICH THE REARRANGEMENT OF THE BORDERS CAN BE SETTLED
AND PERSUADE MR. CLERIDES TO AGREE TO REFER THIS
MATTER TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS
PURPOSE IN WHICH TURKEY AND GREECE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY
THEIR EXPERTS.

--I CAN NOT SAY WHAT THE REACTION OF THE GREEK SIDE WILL
BE TO MR. DENKTASH'S PROPOSALS WHICH ARE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE BRUSSELS AGREEMENT. PERHAPS, IN ORDER TO PREVENT
THE FAILURE OF THE TALKS IT MAY BE ADVISABLE THAT YOU,
MR. SECRETARY, GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. BITSIOS IN ORDER TO
REMIND HIM OF THE BASIS OF THE BRUSSELS AGREEMENT,
NAMELY THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE SHOULD FIRST SUBMIT
PROPOSALS ON THE TERRITORY AND AFTER A GENERAL DISCUSSION
THEREON THE MATTER SHOULD BE REFERRED TO A SUB-COMMITTEE
FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION. SHOULD THEY FAIL TO RESPOND
FAVORABLY, I STRONGLY BELIEVE, MR. SECRETARY, THAT
YOU AND I, WE SHOULD USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH DR. WALDHEIM
TO PERSUADE HIM TO MAKE PUBLIC ON WHICH SIDE THE RESPONSI-
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BILITY RESTS IN VIOLATING THE TERMS OF THE U.N. SECRETARY
GENERAL'S "MINIMUM BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING". THIS WAY THE
GREEK SIDE WILL BE DEPRIVED OF THE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR EFFEC-
TIVE PUBLIC PROPAGANDA MACHINERY IN NEGATIVELY INFLUENCING
U.S.-TURKISH SECURITY RELATIONS.

--PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. SECRETARY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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